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- AMES- Last Wednesday, Senior Citizen Center, 7:30 PM.
 BURLINGTON- Last Tuesday, Buescher Hall, 611 Columbia St.,
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 CEDAR FALLS- Last Wednesday, Cedar Falls Utility Bldg. 7:30 PM.
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 Decorah Area Coin Club- 1st Tuesday, Army Reserve Center, 7:30 PM.
 Des Moines- 1st Tuesday, Easter Seal Center, 2920-30th St. at 7:30 P.M.
 Forest City- 2nd Tuesday, Manufacturers Bank & Trust Building, 8:00PM.
 Fort Dodge- 2nd Thursday, Airport Meeting Room, 7:30PM.
 Fort Madison- 3rd Tuesday, Savings & Loan Drive-in, 4520 Ave. L, 7:30.
 Grinnell- 2nd Monday, Grinnell Memorial Bldg., Square.
 Illowa Coin Club, Clinton- 3rd Thursday, Gateway State Bank, Clinton, 7:30
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 Room, Hwy. 6 W., Coralville, 7:00 P.M.
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 Moline, Ill.- 3rd Thursday, Township Hall, 7:30PM.
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 Ottumwa- 4th Tuesday, Colormaster, Inc. 800 Gateway Drive, 7:30PM.
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 Red Oak- 1st Monday, Farmers Mercantile on old Hwy 34, 7:30PM.
 Siouxland- 2nd Thursday, Elks Lodge, 722 Douglas, Sioux City
 Storm Lake- 3rd Thursday, IPS meeting room Winter 7:30 Summer 8:00PM.
 Tri-Cities Coin Club, Moline, Ill.- 3rd Thursday, Moline Township Hall,
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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

I missed seeing and visiting with those of you who attended Coin-A-Rama in Ames the end of March. I had been released from the hospital in Rochester on Thursday before the meeting, and with the weather storming like it was on Saturday at Kanawha, we decided it was not wise for me to go out. This was the first Coin-A-Rama I have ever missed, since becoming an I.N.A. member.

I thank Owen McKee, 2nd Vice-President, for taking over for me and conducting the I.N.A. Board meeting in my place.

The Coin Shows that I have been able to attend have done a good business, and had a good attendance. I hope your Shows have been a success, too. We are noticing an increase in the sale of collectible coins. If your club has done something to bring in new members, please share with the rest of the I.N.A. Clubs.

One Club in the state has seen a steady growth of members. They now have about 100 members, offering special events to their members. The Club has a National Coin Week display at one of the banks, offers their members a cut rate on a red book, have a picnic in August in which fried chicken and pop is provided for all Club members and their families, and a drawing for a gold piece twice a year, which attendance at the meetings is one way of earning tickets, plus a chance to buy 10 tickets at 25c each. A name has to be drawn 3 times in order to be a winner.

The storage of our I.N.A. cases is a big problem for the Board. These cases are used by dealers and exhibitors, if they need them, at our State Show, and any member Club may use them by being responsible of getting them and returning them in the same condition. The Board took action on this problem at Ames. Please read and give thoughtful action to that letter.

Thank You

JoAnn Peters
Pres., I.N.A.

TRI CITIES COIN CLUB REPORTS:

Plans are progressing for our October 8 show at the Viking Club, 1450 - 41st St., Moline, Ill. Publicity notices are going out and bourse applications being mailed to the Dealers. If you are thinking about an exhibit, it is not too early to start planning for it. Several nice trophies for the best exhibits.

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The Board of Directors has come up with a possible solution, but we need your help. A covered trailer that they could stay in between shows and easily pulled to where they are needed is the best solution. Now for your part: the I.N.A. treasury will not stand that kind of expense now, so we are asking you for donations- any amount will be appreciated. We figure that \$1600 is needed to buy a used trailer with good tires, pay for the insurance, etc.

Clubs and I.N.A. members- please give this important request your utmost attention.

A hardy thank you from the whole Board of Directors for your help. Send all donations to our Secretary-Treasure Bob Simon, c/o Iowa Numismatic Ass'n., P.O. Box 65356, West Des Moines, Iowa, 50265.

KNOW YOUR BOARD:

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FAMILY - Wife - Dianne, Rik 12, Ryan 10, Emily 5.

HOW LONG ACTIVE IN I.N.A. - 8 Year member.

AIM & ACTIVITIES I'D LIKE TO SEE HAPPEN IN 89 & 90? To promote numismatics and encourage the advancement of our hobby. "Fun through coin collecting." To help promote club activities and attendance and participation by making attendance fun for young and older members.

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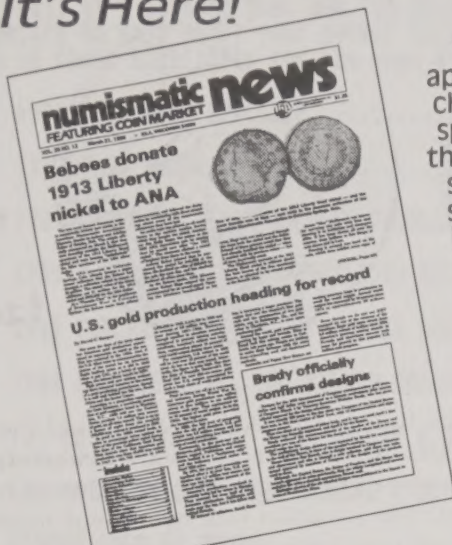
KNOW YOUR BOARD:

- NAME - Owen C. McKee
- POSITION - Second Vice President & Editor
- INTEREST IN NUMISMATICS - Ancient & Medieval coins, tokens & National Bank Notes of Bedford, Blockton, or Conway, Iowa.
- CLUB MEMBERSHIPS - INA, Ottumwa Coin Club (Past President), Oskaloosa Coin Club (Past President), & C.S.N.S.
- FAMILY - Wife - Becky Daughters - Shelly 13 & Heather 7
- HOW LONG ACTIVE IN I.N.A. - 6 Years as a member & 25 years as an attender of I.N.A. Conventions.
- AIM & ACTIVITIES I'D LIKE TO SEE HAPPEN IN 89 & 90? I would like to see a resurgence in collectors collecting collector coins and less emphasis placed on slabbed coins. I would like to be able to pick up an auction brochure however and know that the dealer I was purchasing from would stand behind his grading. This would allow sight unseen bids on any auction held in Iowa. So sad, but very unlikely to happen.
Charge- let's promote what we have and get the youth interested

SHOW CALENDAR

- Aug 9-13 American Numismatic Association Annual Convention. Pittsburg, Pa.
- Aug 26-27 10th Annual Iowa Great Lakes Coin & Paper Money Show, Okoboji, Iowa, Bourse Chairman: Don Mc Culloch.
- Sept. 2-3 ATCO NATIONAL TOKEN & MEDAL SHOW, Abbott Drive & Locust, Omaha, Neb., Show Info.: George Hosek. (402) 455-1905.
- Sept. 10 Third Annual NE Iowa Stamp & Coin Bourse sponsored by Waterloo and Cedar Falls Coin Clubs and Cedar Valley Stamp Club, Waterloo Recreation Center, West 1st & Commercial St. Waterloo, Iowa, Bourse Chairman: Marv Rothmeyer.
- Sept. 24 Grinnell Coin Club 1989 Coin, Stamp, & Sportscard Show, Veterans Memorial Building, Grinnell, Iowa, Bourse Chairman: Roger Wolver.
- Sept. 23-24 Fort Dodge Coin Club 1989 Coin, Stamp, Baseball Card, Post Cards, & Collectibles Show, Crossroads Mall, E. on Hwy.20, Fort Dodge, Ia. Bourse Chairman: Harry Peters.
- Oct. 8 Tri-Cities Coin Club Annual Coin Show, Moline, Ill. Bourse Chairman: George Wolters.
- Oct. 13-15 Iowa Numismatic Assoc. 51st Annual Coin Convention, West Mark Convention Center, Exit 121, I-80 and Ashworth Road, West Des Moines, Iowa, Bourse Chairman: Bob Simon.

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FROM THE EDITOR:

Well, it seems another summer has come and hit us head on. The temperature is soaring and the gold and silver market are in the summer doldrums. It just might be a good time to empty out your piggy bank and buy a few more ounces of silver.

Slabbed coins hit all time highs this summer and then fell just about as fast as they went up. U.S. Mint sets still appear to have some strengths and prices are still substantially higher than a year ago.

With all of that out of the way now I can tell you a little more about why the "Iowa Collector" is late again and what I have been doing. About five months ago Dr. Weldon Loerke asked me to liquidate his coin collection. He desired to see it sold while he was still in good health. Five months later the last lot has finally been catalogued and the lists mailed out. If you didn't get your copy, let me know and I will send one out immediately. One thousand five hundred lots of very impressive material. The sale will be conducted August 18th & 19th in Oskaloosa, Iowa.

I understand that things are well underway for this year's 51st I.N.A. Coin show. We definitely hope to see you there. I regret to say that this year I will not be conducting the I.N.A. Auction, but I'm sure the Token collector's will have a fine sale.

If you have any material or would like to write an article we are in definite need of your talent to help fill the voids left in our "Iowa Collector". Send your material to me as soon as possible.

Sincerely Yours:

Owen C. McKee
221 East Main St.
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Auction Highlight from a sale 25 years ago...



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KEOKUK COIN CLUB FALL SHOW

The Keokuk Coin Club's Fall Coin & Hobby Show is now officially scheduled for November 4th & 5th at the Keosippi Mall, 300 Main street, Keokuk. Sixty tables will be available, and contract forms will be sent out to everyone on our dealer list in August. Once again, Tom Gardner is the chairman for the show.

According to my records Keokuk Coin Club's address is: Keokuk Coin Club, Box 172, Keokuk, Ia. 52632. I am sure by writing this address you will be able to obtain a bourse application.

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By Board action, all dealers must be 1989 members of the Iowa Numismatic Association before holding bourse tables at the Convention. Please let the Secretary know if you need any additional membership applications. By signing and returning this bourse application, the bourse dealer(s) and assistants agree to release the Iowa Numismatic Association, its officers and officials and Show personnel from any liability including, but not limited to, fire, theft or other unforeseen accidents.

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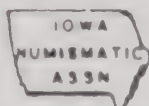
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ODD & CURIOUS FROM THAILAND

I have collected odd and curious coins for quite a number of years. It always amazes me about the wide variety available and in most instances the relatively small prices.

Thailand, for the size of the country, has used an exceptional number of variations of odd and curious money throughout their history. One fascinating type is the "Siam Bullet Coinage". The silver and (rarely) gold coins used from the 13th through 19th centuries are often called "bullet money" because of their shape. They consist of small ingots which have been doubled by hammering, and validated with one or more countermarks.

Coins before 1767 usually have one countermark; coins minted after 1767 have one countermark on the side just above the crease, and normally another on the top surface of the coin. The side countermarks served as symbols of the reigning monarch, changing not only with each reign but often within a reign to denote special occasions. The top countermark after 1767 was normally the "chakra" or sharp edged discus (symbol of Hindu god Vishnu).

It is believed that prior to Rama IV only the 1/8, 1/4, and 1 baht silver bullet coins (and only certain of these) were for commercial use, all other denominations being for ceremonial and presentation purposes. Rama IV unsuccessfully tried to introduce other denominations for circulation. All bullet coins of Rama V were for presentation.

Next time you have the opportunity to pick one of these cute little nuggets of history do so, and be prepared to start a thrilling adventure. There are more than seventy-five different bullet coins in denominations of 1/32, 1/16, 1/8, 1/4, 1/2, 1, 2, 2 1/2, 4, 10, 20, 40, & 80 baht. What a collection a complete type set would make!

Your Editor

NEWS RELEASE
At Once

From Don Watts
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INTEREST IN COINS RISES:
CLUB MEMBERS ALSO INCREASE

Reflecting a national rise in prices of better coins is an increase in the number of people joining and attending meetings of the Clarion Coin Club, according to Bill Houser, president of the Club this year.

The total paid membership last year was around 76. Now with one-third of the year gone, the count is up to 94 -- just a few short of the record of 97 set in 1981, which the Club expects to top this year to set a new 31 year record.

The May meeting of the Club will be held on Wednesday, May 17 in the IPS Community meeting room, Clarion. Doors will open at 7 p.m. for visiting and "coin talk." A short business meeting at 8 p.m. will be followed by an auction of a wide variety of coins, including a number of type coins, trade tokens, and other popular collector items.

Don Watts, the man who puts the auction together, has a couple of trade tokens, or "good fors," he would like to learn more about. In what town was "Your Pastime Parlour" located? Another question: What town is a token labeled "At Hanks" from?

Visitors are always welcome to drop in and visit at meetings of the Clarion club.

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